

ABSTRACT

An optical switch is provided with an optical-fiber-arraying-member 1 in which a plurality of optical fiber fixing grooves 1a extending along radial directions of a virtual circle are radially formed in a predetermined surface of a base material, a plurality of array-side optical fibers 2 arrayed in the plurality of optical fiber fixing grooves 1a of the optical-fiber-arraying-member 1, and a moving-side optical fiber 4 to be selectively optically connected to either of the plurality of array-side optical fibers 2; the moving-side optical fiber 4 and the optical-fiber-arraying-member 1 are rotated relative to each other about a center axis 1c of the virtual circle, and the moving-side optical fiber 4 is selectively optically connected to the array-side optical fiber 2 selected.

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(57) Abstract

An optical switch, comprising an optical fiber arrangement member (1) wherein a plurality of optical fiber fixed grooves (1a) extending in the radial direction of a virtual circle are formed radially on a specified surface of a base material, a plurality of arrangement side optical fibers (2) arranged in the plurality of optical fiber fixed grooves (1a) formed in the optical fiber arrangement member (1), and a movable side optical fiber (4) optically connected selectively to either of the plurality of arrangement side optical fibers (2), characterized in that the movable side optical fiber (4) and the optical fiber arrangement member (1) are rotated relatively to each other about the center axis (10) of the virtual circle so as to optically connect the movable side optical fiber (4) selectively to the arrangement side optical fiber (2).

